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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some ☐ None of the:
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

2 sheets

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ☐ Other _____

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Abstract, at end following should be added; --~~contact~~ free ends ^{314c} (34c) may be captured in a shot in the housing and the housing (112) may include a flexible extent to provide increased contact pressure upon mating--.

Current drawings in case are noted to be informal. Page 8, line 14 spelling error.

Spec page 12 refers to a reload window 217, figs 17, 17a, but just how it operates is not clearly described or shown. Page 13, line 16, what "shot" is in figs. Fig 11, the staple-like" fold ^{referred to, none seen} should be shown. Page 10, line 29 "117" not seen in figs; should be added at least to Fig 13.

Applicant is required to submit a proposed drawing correction in reply to this Office Action. However, formal correction of the noted defect can be deferred until the application is allowed by the examiner.

Claim 15 dependancy is incorrect.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the claim 6 contact free end movably disposed in a slot in the housing must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

This aspect should be clearly depicted, see Buicaud, Fig 6.

Claim 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claims 14, 15, "flexible planar portion" and its use are inadequately shown and

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described see spec, figs 12, 13 and page 11, lines 12-16. Numerals should be added and used in a clear description of use of this feature.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14-17, 18 19, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

as being unpatentable over Niitsu taken in view of Anhalt, Burton, Lok and Matsuoka.

For claim 1, Niitsu system is for use on a pcb and includes planar housing 2, contacts 3 supported by the housing and having interior deflectable portions 24, exterior portions 18 for solder connection to the pcb and mid portions 16 mounted in the housing: Niitsu is not for use with a LCD. Burton discloses a spring connector, fig 3, for use with and LCD. It would have been obvious to form the Niitsu system for use with an LCD that being a standard element of circuit packages as shown by Burton.

For claims 2, 18, 19, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, Niitsu pins 14 are not disclosed as securement means, and his contact is not secured by barbs and contact 3 does not include a hole for plastic flow. Anhalt uses pins 31 as securement means. Obvious to so form Niitsu pins 14 enable attachment to the pcb before soldering. Matseoka uses barbs 12c for securement. Obvious to similarly form Niitsu system with securement by barbs, rather than molding this enabling easy design changes. Lok shows a contact with an opening 26 for flow of mold material. Obvious to

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use such feature in Niitsu for better securement of the contact to the housing. For claim 4, Niitsu contact portion 22, 24, 26 forms a cantilever member.

For claims 3, 4, Niitsu contact part 26 is seen as undulating shape. In addition, note undulating shape of Lok contact at 14. Obvious to so form the Niitsu contact, such change producing no stated advantage. For claims 14, 15, Niitsu planar portion is not disclosed to be flexible at portions 8, 4. However flexibility is often present in thin members and claims 14, 15 limitations in absence of recited purpose, i.e., "to increase electrical connection contact pressure on the LCD" does not overcome the reference. Claims 8, 9, met by Niitsu disclosure and in addition molding step as suggested by Lok applicable to Niitsu.

Claim 1, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu in view of Lok, Burton and Matsuoka.

Wu, figs 2, 4A includes planar housing 12, contacts with exterior portions 40, interior portions 26, 32 with a reverse bend mid section at 18 and a free end within the housing. The system is not used for an LCD and contact extend 28 (claim 6) might not be readable as an undulating shape. Obvious to use the system with a LCD in view of Burton, for reasons discussed above. Also obvious to form contact 28 to be of undulating shape in view of Matsuoka at 16 and Lok at 14, such change would provide a more distinct contacting position on the terminal. Wu, so applied also meets claims 8, 10, 11 and 20.

Claim 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vacheron in view of Burton and Matsuoka.

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Vacheron fig. 3 discloses a contact housing 110 with a contact 40 having a mid portion in the housing an interior folded spring portion 50, 60 (on left) and an exterior solder to pcb portion 60 (or right). The portions 60, 60 being coplanar. Vacheron does not disclose LCD use or clearly disclose contact securement to the housing. Burton discloses LCD use and Matsuoka discloses securement by barbs. Obvious to use these features in Vacheron device for reasons discussed above.

Claim 1 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidler in view of Burton.

Seidler system, fig. 6 includes housing 12, contact 11 with interior deflectable portion 16b, interior extent 14 for connection to a pcb C1 and bendable lines 17, 19 for securement to the housing.


For claim 1, Seidler does not disclose LCD use. For this feature, Burton is applied as discussed above.

Kihira is cited to show a pcb connector like that of Niitsu.

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